

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A dose counter for use with an inhaler comprising a container for medicament equipped with a reciprocal actuator to dispense a dose of medicament therefrom, the dose counter comprising:

a fixed ratchet member,

a trigger member constructed and arranged to undergo reciprocal movement co-ordinated with the reciprocal movement between the actuator and the container, said reciprocal movement comprising an outward stroke and a return stroke,

a counter member in the form of a ring comprising inclined surfaces in the form of at least one set of teeth constructed and arranged to undergo a predetermined counting movement each time a dose is dispensed, the counter member being biased towards the ratchet and trigger members and being capable of counting motion in a direction generally orthogonal to the direction of reciprocal movement of the trigger, the counter member comprising:

a first region for interaction with the trigger which comprises at least one inclined surface which is engaged by the trigger during its outward stroke causing the counter member to undergo counting motion,

a second region for interaction with the ratchet member which comprises at least one inclined surface which is engaged by the ratchet member during the return stroke of the trigger causing the counter member to undergo further counting motion to complete said predetermined counting movement.

2–3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A dose counter as claimed Claim [[3]]1 in which the ring comprises one set of teeth to interact with the trigger and a second set of teeth to interact with the ratchet member.

5. (Currently Amended) A dose counter as claimed in Claim [[3]]1 in which the ring comprises a single set of teeth which interact with both the trigger and the ratchet member.

6. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) A dose counter as claimed in Claim 4 in which there is a flat region between adjacent teeth.

9. (Previously presented) A dose counter according to Claim 1 in which the first region of interaction is longer than the second region of interaction.

10. (Previously presented) A dose counter according to Claim 1 in which an incomplete part of the counting motion associated with the first region of interaction followed by reverse movement of the trigger does not result in a net counting motion.

11. (Previously presented) A dose counter according to Claim 1 in which an incomplete part of the counting motion associated with the second region of interaction followed by reverse movement of the trigger does not result in counting motion beyond said predetermined counting movement.

12. (Currently Amended) A dose counter according to Claims [[2]]1 which comprises a second counting ring which undergoes counting motion in response to counting movement of the counter ring.

13. (Previously presented) A dose counter as claimed in Claim 1 which comprises a housing to accommodate the counter member, said ratchet member being fixed to the housing.

14. – 15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) An inhaler incorporating a dose counter as defined in Claim 1.

17. (Original) An inhaler as claimed in Claim 16, in which the container of the inhaler contains a medicinal aerosol formulation.

18. (Previously presented) An inhaler as claimed in Claim 16 in which the trigger is attached to the inhaler canister and/or valve ferrule.